Dr. A. R. Menon.—Can any of them leave the State without the previous sanction of the Government? How long can one stay outside the State without obtaining sanction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they have to take sanction even if it be for one night.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government think that no inconvenience will be caused to the public by allowing the Director of Public Instruction to live outside the State for such a long period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was when all the schools were closed and so Government thought that they can allow it without causing any inconvenience to the public.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to understand that there is no work done during that period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is work to be done; but he can as well attend to it when he is there.

314. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of officers who applied for permission to stay outside the State in 1108;

(b) were any refused;

(c) if so, who were they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i) Mr. P. J. George, District Magistrate.

(ii) Mr. P. V. Raphael, Registrar of Village Panchayats.

(iii) Mr. I. N Menon, Director of Public Instruction.

(iv) Mr. M. P. Cherian, Excise Commissioner.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

Scheme for improvements of certain roads in the Mattancheri Municipality.

315. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipality has submitted to the Government a scheme for the improvement of certain roads, canals, etc.; if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the same together with their estimate of cost;

(b) whether the Chairman has suggested the grant of a loan from the Government for carrying out the above improvements and the method suggested in repaying the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. A copy of the Chairman's report is appended. (*Appendix I*).

(b) Yes. Please see the Chairman's report appended.

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Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state when this report was submitted ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is an appendix. The date also is given there.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Has the Government considered the report ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A committee has been appointed after receiving this report to report on all the improvements required for the Mattancheri town. A comprehensive report has been called for.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to give the names of the members of the Committee ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— They are the Diwan Peishkar, the Chief Engineer, the Director of Public Health and the Mattancheri Municipal Chairman.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the Government will be pleased to say if it is not advisable to carry on the work on behalf of the Municipality ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That will have to be considered when the report is received. First we have to know the capital expenditure involved, whether the Municipality would be able to find funds for it and whether they will ask for a loan and all that. All these have to be considered when the report is received.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—When will their report be submitted ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Within a month.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—I think an approximate idea of the expenditure be given by the Chairman himself.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is the only figure that we have got on such important proposals. We want to verify it.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—It may perhaps be a little more or less. But has the Government asked the Chairman whether the Municipality will be able to undertake all these works?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question of funds has to be raised after the scheme is received. This is only a cursory report or rather a preliminary report sent by the Chairman. That has to be checked or rather, this is going to be elaborated and reconsidered wherever necessary by the report called for from the committee. After that report is received we will be able to know the exact nature of the scheme. Then we will consider the question of funds.

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APPENDIX I.

Mattancheri Municipal Chairman's Report R. O. C. No. 1465/1106, dated 20th June 1933.

Subject:—Proposals for town improvement.

In continuation of the memorial dated 5th June 1933 presented by the Deputationists and in accordance with the personal instructions of the Diwan, I have the honour to report the following :

The probable cost of widening Palluruthi road is estimated at Rs. 70,000 as shown below:—

	Rs.
Cost of acquisition of about 6 acres of land at Rs. 5,000 per acre.	30,000
Cost of structures and other improvements	25,000
Cost of metalling road	15,000

This being the 'main artery' of the town cannot be allowed to remain in its present condition. It is a trunk road under the Government. It is therefore only just and proper that the work of improvement of this road is attended to by the Government alone. Deducting cost of metalling of the road which need not be done at present the land acquisition charges will come to Rs. 55,000. In view of the urgency and importance of the work I request that the Diwan will be pleased to issue orders for providing funds required for land acquisition in the Public Works Department budget or give to the Council the amount shown by way of Government contribution so as to enable me to proceed with the work. The amount may be paid as it falls due.

2. *Widening of Bazaar road.*—Although this work is not less in importance in view of the development of the Harbour it is practically impossible to attend to the work in consequence of the heavy cost of acquiring masonry buildings on either side. The removal of old encroachments and dangerous bends and also widening of narrowest portions will be enough at present. This is also a trunk road under Government and as such the expenses of removal of old encroachments, etc., will have to be met by Government as in the case of Palluruthiroad. The probable cost will be Rs. 25,000. I request that this amount may be provided in the State budget for 1109.

3. *Water supply.*—A separate report on this question has been submitted and the Council hopes that the Government will issue immediate orders to extend pipe lines in all the roads of the town and to supply sufficient quantity of water.

4. *Veterinary Hospital.*—It is not possible to estimate the probable cost of the scheme. If sufficient funds cannot be made available for land-acquisition charges and construction of buildings, I would suggest that for immediate opening of the institution any building may be rented out by Government.

5. *Travellers' Bungalow.*—I understand that in all towns, Government are constructing buildings required, Municipalities are put in charge only for maintenance and control. The importance and necessity for such an institution in this commercial town where people from different parts visit need not be emphasised. An acre of land worth Rs. 5,000 and buildings for Rs. 5,000 will be sufficient. I request that Government be pleased to provide Rs. 10,000 in the State Budget for the above purpose.

6. *Improvements to Eravelli swamp*:—The Director of Public Health has suggested two methods of improvements one costing Rs. 1,60,000 and the other Rs. 33,000. The latter scheme is more feasible and less expensive. This scheme is therefore recommended.

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7. *Improvements to Cherlai Canal.*—The probable cost is shown below:-

Land acquisition charges at Rs. 4,000 for 3 acres	Rs. 12,000
Cost of improvements	8,000
Cost of 4 bridges to be constructed	16,000
Total cost	Rs. 36,000

8. *Public markets.*

Land acquisition charges	Rs. 10,000
Construction of buildings	5,000
Total	Rs. 15,000

9. *Improvements to extension area.*

The probable cost for acquiring sites for roads, lanes and canals Rs. 20,000

10. *Play grounds and open spaces.*

Two playgrounds and one recreation ground land acquisition charges at Rs. 4,000 per acre for three acres Rs. 12,000

11. *Grazing grounds.*

Land acquisition charges for sites at Rs. 4,000 per acre for two acres Rs. 8,000

The total cost for items 6 to 11 will come to Rs. 1,24,000. I request that the Diwan will be pleased to sanction payment of a loan of Rs. 1,25,000 repayable at the rate of Rs. 5,000 per year.

Items 1 to 6 may either be done by Government or amounts provided under Government contribution so as to enable the Municipality to do the works. The file relating to Town Improvement Scheme prepared in 1093 is also herewith forwarded as per personal orders of the Diwan for favour of perusal and return.

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APPENDIX II.

Caste-war statement of appointments made by the Heads of Departments in 1109

EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

1	Nayars	5	
2	Ezhuvas	7	
3	Barber	1	
4	Chaliaor Pattarya	1	
5	Veluthedan	1	
6	Valan	1	
7	Pulaya	2	
8	Kanakan		
9	Christian i. Romo Syrians	5	11
	ii. Latin	3	
	iii. Jacobites	2	
	iv. Anglican	1	
10	Muslim	2	
	Total	32	

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